

**Amendments to the Drawings**

Replacement sheets 1/3 to 3/3 are enclosed to designate PRIOR ART on Figures 1, 2, 4(a) and 5(a).

Attachments: Replacement Sheets (3)

## REMARKS

To overcome Examiner's objections, Figures 1, 2, 4(a) and 5(a) have been corrected to indicate "Prior Art" and replacement sheets are enclosed.

Claims 2, 3 and 5 have been objected to due to wording informalities. Claims 1 to 4 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(e) for lack of novelty over the cited Liao reference. Claims 5 and 6 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(e) for lack of novelty over the cited Lu reference.

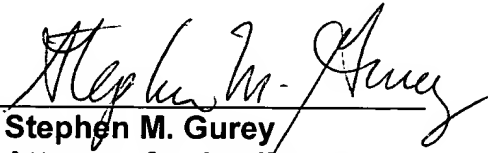
Amended claim 1 is a combination of previous claims 1, 2 and 3 and the teaching of page 4, lines 12 to 14. Liao does not disclose or suggest at least the feature of amended claim 1 that "the interface protocol layer provides additional functions of SCCP SAPs not provided by either Transport Control Protocol or User Datagram Protocol so as to provide the user with the same quality of service as the user would expect if a full SS7 stack were used instead." Rather, Liao relates to an interface protocol with only a functionality of translating TCP/IP user's addresses into SCCP/MTP user's addresses.

Claims 2-6 have been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of amended claim 1 is respectfully requested, as is passage to issuance of the application. If the Examiner should feel that the application is not yet in a condition for allowance and that a telephone interview would be useful, he is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at **973 386 8252**.

Respectfully submitted,

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3 Replacement Sheets

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